

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
April 7, 2017**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Thomas Nickel
Larry Bischoff
Dan Hilbert
Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: Steven Bauer, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Brooke Bittner, Chief Deputy Medical Examiner; Lynn Steger, Register in Probate; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Schraufnagel to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bischoff to approve Minutes of March 3, 2017; second by Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Lynn Steger updated the Committee regarding changes in the Judicial Reception area. Gina Steinke previously covered receptionist duties, Judicial Assistant and duties in Family Court Counseling. She is now the full-time judicial assistant for Judge DeVries. Mary Jo is now working full time with probate and covering receptionist duties. They are now utilizing Steve Seim for reviewing probate accountings. There has been a movement of people to maximize efficiency. Judge Bauer appreciates the Committee supporting the addition of a new Family Court Counseling staff person so that the Circuit Court staff is full time for the Courts.

Judge Sciascia reported on the Security Conference that he, Michelle, Shelby and Bernie attended. He encouraged any Committee members to attend this Conference next year as security concerns can affect any of the county committees. Some of the suggestions that will be looked into by the security committee is firearm surrender training and dealing with sovereign citizens and difficult people. He would like another judge to attend this Conference next year.

Judge Bauer informed the Committee of an incident that he recently had take place in his courtroom.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron gave an update on the collection process for last year. She explained the priority list for collections and how the new system "moves up" the County for amounts received. The State Collection Agency collects a flat rate of \$35 that is added to the amount owed the County so that the County gets 100% of the amount that is due to be collected to it. Her office gives people every opportunity to pay before any fines are turned over for collection. Community Corrections was also not as aggressive in collecting restitution as her office.

Child Support Report: None

District Attorney Report: None

Other business: Bob Barrington gave the informational presentation regarding pretrial reform beginning by first giving the history of debtor prisons, then how offenders could be held in contempt by a determination of the Court, through how the fines have currently been increased by add-on charges, i.e. cost of electronic monitoring. For example, a ticket with a \$100 fine would have a total cost of \$599 when all charges are added.

Bob further explained the process regarding setting bail bond conditions and how his office may ask for a cash bail. They use evidence based information that includes risk assessments and if the offender has previously appeared for any court appearances. An extensive study will be coming out with information from all counties in the State on how bonds have been set in the other counties.

Committee Member Report: Chair Miller reported on the WCA Steering Committee that included pending legislation on more funding for 911, TAD funding, placement of sexual predators, moving 17 year old offenders back to juvenile court, and insurance for spouses and children of officers killed in the line of duty.

Medical Examiner Report: None

Sheriff Office Report: Sheriff Schmidt reported that Pops Eatery will be giving up their liquor license on April 28 and the business will be put up for sale.

The Spillman project will include an incredible amount of training. His target date to get Beaver Dam on board is May of this year. This project is supported by the BD Police Chief and the new mayor of Beaver Dam is also believed to be behind the project.

The Sheriff would like to get those involved in school safety on the same page when it comes to any emergency responses to incidents.

An Administrative Support Coordinator position was posted that would directly supervise secretarial positions along with handling ordering and training assignments. Funding for this position would come from the extra revenue received from the jail.

A conditional offer for the open captain position has been given to Scott Middlestadt with a tentative start date of April 23. The Sheriff explained his qualifications and was looking forward to him being able to give an outside perspective in order to grow the leadership core.

There will be a swearing ceremony on April 17 at 8:00 for new Sheriff Office staff.

The Sheriff's Office is currently evaluating adding a third K9 for the 3rd shift and would like this done by the end of the year. Countryside has made a donation toward the \$12,000 to \$16,000 cost. There will also be fundraising outside of the regular budget to fund this. 3 officers have applied for this K9 handler position.

Regarding the capital improvement plans, there will be a meeting on April 27 at 8:30 for discussions on what budgeting might be involved for projects anticipated in 2020/2021. Some proposed projects involve J Pod. He encouraged the Committee to tour that Pod and see the issues concerning that facility. There would be a potential to look at adding pods to the current Detention Facility. As part of changing those two area, the current J Pod could be made into parking for the Sheriff's Office as well as training areas. The 2018 budget could start any architectural designs with 2019 commencing final design and preparation.

The first quarter of 2017 has seen 31 detainees above the budget target.

Chair Miller signed the appropriation to move funds for expenses that were covered by the higher revenue received because of the increased number of detainees housed at the jail.

Other Business: Motion was made by Nickel with a second by Schraufnagel to change the name of this Committee to the Judicial and Public Protection Committee. With the no further discuss the motion carried.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 2, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Hilbert to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Larry Schraufnagel, Secretary

Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary